Appl. No. U9//60,411

Amndt. dated September 16, 2004 Reply to Office action of July 19, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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Claims 1-13 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 11 have been amended.

In item 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for some formal matters. More specifically, the Examiner suggested to change "multiplet" to "time slot" in the abstract, specification, and claims. The Examiner further pointed out spelling errors in the specification.

The abstract, specification, and claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. The term "multiplet" has been changed to "time slot" and the spelling errors have been corrected.

Because claims 1-13 are allowed and the outstanding formal matters have been resolved, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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Abstract of the Disclosure:

Data bits - in each case one bit time slot with a predetermined number of bits per channel - are transmitted in accordance with a particular time sequence in time-division multiplex frames. According to a predetermined allocation of the channels to groups including in each case a predetermined subset of the channels, the time slots of in each case one group are transmitted time-interleaved with respect to one another in the time-division multiplex frames. The various groups, however, are in each case transmitted successively in the frames.